

the hands of your private secretary, communicating the great success that has thus far attended the expedition into the waters of North Carolina, were received this morning, and in haste, in the name of the President, to thank you for the service you and the brave men associated with you have rendered to the country.

These successful achievements of our army and navy in North Carolina, some of which are of a character that result in the future, will, we have no doubt, be the means of securing a successful demonstration against the rebel forces in Tennessee. Our brave and patriotic men on the coast and in the interior are earning a debt of lasting gratitude from their country. The hearts and true wishes of the nation have been with you through the long trials you have endured, and most sincerely do we rejoice with you on the success which you have obtained.

In congratulating you and the officers and men of your command, the department would also extend congratulations to General Burnside and the army.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,
GIDEON WELLES.

To Flag Officer L. M. Goldsborough, commanding North Atlantic blockading squadron.

GENERAL ORDER OF MAYOR OPDYKE.

The Mayor congratulates the citizens of New York on the brilliant success of the national arms in the capture of Roanoke Island, Elizabeth City, Eden and Port Henry, and the hearty welcome of the flag of the Union along the banks of the Tennessee to the head of its navigable waters in the State of Alabama.

In public recognition of the importance of these events it is directed that at noon on Saturday, the 15th inst., one hundred guns be fired from the Battery and from Madison square, and that during that day the flag be raised upon the public buildings. It is also requested that the owners and masters of vessels in port and the occupants of private buildings will, wherever practicable, display the national banner.

Given under my hand at the City Hall, in the city of New York, this 14th day of February, D. 1862.
GEORGE OPDYKE, Mayor.

THE HONORED DEAD.

Sketches of Colonel Charles Lambert Russell, of the Tenth Connecticut Volunteers, and Lieutenant Colonel Vignier de Montell, of the Fifty-third New York Volunteers.

Among those who fell in the glorious attack upon Roanoke Island, we find the names of only two field officers, the latter of whom merely occupied a voluntary position, as the regiment he had been formerly connected with had returned to Annapolis. The following are brief sketches of these officers:

COL. RUSSELL.

Colonel Charles Lambert Russell was a native of Connecticut, and lately a resident of Birmingham, where he was engaged in business. He was connected with the military of his native State for some fourteen years, holding every position from private to captain of engineers. Resigning this latter position, he accepted the adjutant of the Second Connecticut Militia regiment, from which he was appointed adjutant of the Second regiment of Volunteers, and in that capacity served in the three months campaign, during which he saw considerable active service, and at Bull Run distinguished himself in a manner that elicited honorable commendation from Gen. Keyes both on the battle field and in his official report. On arriving at Washington he was taken ill, and was unable to assume active charge of his duties; otherwise, there is very little room for doubt he would have held an important position in one of the earlier formed three years volunteer regiments. (It may be well here to state that the first three volunteer regiments of Connecticut were organized to serve for three months. The remainder are for the war.) On his convalescence he raised a company for the Eighty Volunteers, and from its captaincy was promoted to the lieutenant colonelcy of the Tenth, to which his company was shortly after transferred, its members being unwilling to part with their commander, so much so that they even offered to increase his pay from their private purses to that of his new rank, provided he would remain with them. No colonel had ever been appointed to the command of the regiment, and Colonel Russell, having won for himself the highest regard as a soldier and officer from the State authorities, was promoted to his present position.

Lieut. Col. Vignier de Montell was formerly connected with the different branches of the Tenth New York Volunteers. Some trouble existing between him and his regiment, and finding that the latter was to be ordered back to Annapolis, he left it, and pushed forward as a volunteer to fight for the honor and integrity of the United States. He was formerly an officer of artillery in France, in which service he was employed for several years. He was also engaged in one of the wars with Mexico, under Prince de Joinville, and was present at the taking of the forts of San Juan d'Ulloa. The restoration of the Napoleonic dynasty caused him to leave France, which he did from political motives, after the conquest of Mexico, and he came to this country to America, where he has ever since resided in the country. He is in due time a naturalized citizen of the United States, and now has forfeited his life in the defense of the flag of his adopted country.

ADDITIONAL NEWS ACCOUNTS.

OUR NEWPORT NEWS CORRESPONDENCE.

CAMP BOTTEN, NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 10, 1862.

Newport News Dispatches in the Richmond Dispatch.

Roanoke Island captured on Sunday, Dec.

Sergeant James Bell, of Company G, First regiment New York Volunteers, renowned in camp for his daring and successful scouting excursions, went yesterday up to Roanoke Island, on a reconnoitering expedition, and was captured. He is now a prisoner. He found there that the rebel guard had been largely increased, twenty men used to guard duty there, while now they seemed to be at least a hundred strong. Sergeant Bell succeeded in procuring a copy of the Richmond Dispatch of February 10, from which I copy the following telegraphic dispatches:

THE VERY LATEST.

ROANKE ISLAND IN THE HANDS OF THE CONFEDERATES—ALL OUR TROOPS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. RECENTLY WOUNDED SOLDIERS—OTHER DETAILS.

(Special despatch to the Richmond Dispatch.)

NOVEMBER 14, Feb. 15, 1862.

The War Legation, with few exceptions, and the balance of the Fourth brigade of this department, were captured on Roanoke Island yesterday by an overwhelming force, after two days' hard fighting.

Captain Cole and G. Jennings were severely wounded and are reported killed.

Major Lawrence, of Colonel Hennessey's regiment, is wounded and a prisoner.

Lieutenant Miller, of the Jackson Guard, is shot through the shoulder.

General Wise was confined to his bed from pneumonia at Nag's Head. He and his staff are safe.

Colonel Richardson is also safe. Major Fry, Captain Wallace, Captain Dickinson, Lieutenant Carpenter and Lieutenant Rigger are prisoners. Captains Farish and Burr and Levy, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, are safe. Frank Johnson, a prisoner, unhurt.

Dr. W. O. Chamberlain, well known as "Bobolink," correspondent of the Dispatch, was captured.

Colonel Hennessey and his artillery are safe at Elizabeth City.

All our guns in the batteries were spiked before surrendering to the Yankees.

Our loss is killed is slight; that of the enemy is very heavy.

J. H. PEACOCK.

(From the Norfolk Day Book, Feb. 13.)

FURTHER FROM OUR FLEET.

An officer of our fleet, who was in such a position as to enable him to see all that was transpiring around him, furnishes us with the following account of the engagement:

The advance forces of the enemy, consisting of twenty-two large steamers and one tugboat, began the attack upon the island at half-past ten o'clock on Friday morning. The battle continued throughout the day, and whenever our steamers drew near to land assistance, the whole of the enemy's fleet, excepting three in shore, concentrated their fire upon them.

About four o'clock in the afternoon the Curlew was disabled by a shell from the enemy, and was compelled to make for shallow water, where she sunk.

During the commanding the enemy were busily employed in landing their troops below Fort Point battery.

Two of their steamers ran into a single in the neighborhood of the Curlew, and succeeded in covering their landing. The enemy captured the attack until about dark, when they withdrew.

A little after four o'clock the ammunition of our forward getting shore, an application for a supply to the upper battery, but the commanding officer could supply only about ten charges. As it was essential that am-

munition should be had, and as there was no more to be obtained from the batteries, a steamer was sent to the upper battery, with a dispatch to the officer in command, informing him that the fleet was without ammunition, and that it would require the purchase of obtaining a supply, and that it would require without delay. Previous to leaving information was received by the fleet from Capt. Taylor, of the navy, who had been at Port Point battery during the day, that they had only one killed and three wounded, and there was very reason to believe that they would be able to hold out for the rear of the batteries was not turned.

The fleet reached Elizabeth City on Saturday morning, and finding very little ammunition there sent an express to Norfolk for it. On Sunday afternoon, having got the ammunition and fuel which could be obtained on board the Seabird and Appomattox, on arriving at the mouth of the river, they met a boat and learned from it that the island had been surrendered, and shortly afterward discovered five of the enemy's gunboats standing for Pasquotank river. They returned immediately to the battery at Cobble Point, about a mile and a half below Elizabeth City, and after sending an express to General Hennessey, distributed all the ammunition among four steamers and a schooner, and formed a line just above the battery. A company had been detailed the day previous for duty at this battery, and the object of the fleet was to co-operate with them.

Shortly after daylight the enemy appeared in sight and a messenger was sent from the fleet to ascertain the condition of the battery. Finding only seven men there, and supposing that the enemy would not attack the battery, the officers and crew of the Seabird were sent ashore to man two of the guns—there being as many as they had ammunition to supply. The Seabird was sent to the mouth of the canal, where the Raleigh had been previously sent.

Instructions were given by the Commodore to the commanding officers of all the vessels that when all means of resistance failed, they should run ashore water, as they did on the 14th inst.

The action commenced at forty-five minutes past seven in the morning, and resulted in the enemy passing the battery and overhauling the Seabird and Alice.

The last mentioned vessels were the only ones which had to have fallen into the hands of the enemy. The Seabird was burned by her commander, and the Appomattox is believed to have escaped up the river. The Forrest was on the ways at Elizabeth City repairing damage, and if the information we received yesterday is correct she too was burned, to prevent her falling into the hands of the enemy.

Only six killed and three wounded among the entire naval force which we had in the action.

We omitted to mention that the guns at Cobble Point were all spiked before being possessed by the enemy.

The Confederate steamer Raleigh, one of the fleet engaged at Roanoke Island, made her appearance in our waters yesterday afternoon. She proceeded to the Hospital wharf, where she landed Miss Emma Camm, who lost an arm in the engagement.

WHO WON THIS VICTORY?

Sketches of the Military and Naval Officers Engaged in the Battle.

Now who won this important victory? We answer the question in parts in the following sketches. But we only give the names of the naval officers and the general and their staffs of the military part of our force. It is our duty to see that the names of these gallant spirits who are engaged under Burnside and Goldsborough are recorded on the page of history.

THE MILITARY SECTION.

MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE EXPEDITION: Acting Major General BRIG. GEN. ANDREW BURNSIDE.

Assistant Adjutant General: Captain Lewis Richmond.

Engineer in Chief: Captain Charles H. Hawley.

Division Quartermaster: Captain William Cutting.

Assistant Div. Quartermaster: Captain T. C. Skaggs.

Division Surgeon: Captain F. De Wolf.

Medical Director: Captain R. R. Goodrich.

Division Surgeon: Major W. H. Church, M. D.

Ordinance Officer: Lieutenant J. W. Flagg.

Aid-de-camp: Lieutenant Thomas C. Pell.

Aid-de-camp: Captain R. F. Hazard, U. S. N.

The military forces engaged in the battle consisted of the following regiments:

New York Ninety-ninth regiment, Colonel Lawrence.

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